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I. Note from the Secretariat

1. Over the past several years, there has been continuing cooperation between the IPPC and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on matters of mutual interest.
2. In this regard, ICPM-5 in 2003 supported the strategic directions set by the working group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance (SPTA) to give a high priority to ongoing collaboration and liaison between the IPPC and the CBD. At ICPM-6 in 2004, the IPPC Secretariat reported on cooperative activities between the secretariats of the IPPC and the CBD, including the development of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the two secretariats. ICPM-6 noted this MoC, and invited the Bureau to explore possibilities for closer cooperation between the ICPM and the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the CBD, and to report to the SPTA and ICPM-7.
3. The COP of the CBD also has noted and supported cooperation between the IPPC and the CBD secretariats. The Fifth Session of the COP of the CBD in 2000 requested the CBD Secretariat to cooperate with the IPPC Secretariat in coordinating work on invasive alien species. The Sixth Session of the COP in 2002 acknowledged the contribution of the IPPC to the implementation of Article 8(h) of the CBD on invasive alien species, and invited the IPPC to consider incorporating criteria relating to threats to biodiversity posed by invasive species as it carries out its work on standards and other matters.
4. The Seventh Session of the COP of the CBD in 2004 welcomed the collaboration between the CBD and other conventions and organizations, including the IPPC, in developing mechanisms to address the threats posed by invasive alien species. The COP requested the Executive Secretary of the CBD to develop a joint work plan with the Secretariat of the IPPC.

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5. The Seventh Session of the COP of the CBD also developed a framework to evaluate progress towards the target to achieve, by 2010, a significant reduction in the current rate of biodiversity losses. One of the indicators to assess changes in, and threats to, biodiversity is “numbers and costs of alien invasions”. The COP in Decision VII/30 invited related conventions and relevant organizations to contribute reports and information that assist the monitoring of progress towards this target.
6. A joint meeting of the secretariats of the IPPC and the CBD was held in May 2004 and attended by the Chair of the ICPM. At this meeting it was considered that the Proceedings of the Workshop on Invasive Alien Species and the IPPC, held in Braunschweig, Germany in September 2003, should be published jointly by the IPPC and the CBD. The Proceedings set forth a number of recommendations by the participants to reinforce efforts within the framework of the IPPC to address issues of invasive alien species. The publication of these Proceedings is reported under Agenda Item 4 of this meeting. It was also agreed to hold a Joint Meeting of the bureaus and the secretariats of the IPPC and CBD, planned for February 2005.
7. These and other activities have helped build awareness of the important current and potential role of the IPPC in efforts to address the problems posed by invasive alien species, in cooperation with the CBD and other relevant instruments and entities. As has been noted, the objectives of the IPPC include the protection of wild flora, as well as managed plants and crops, from invasive alien species that are plant pests. The IPPC framework also facilitates relationships and cooperation between countries on these matters, encourages them to coordinate and cooperate at a regional level, and provides guidance in developing national plant protection systems.
8. In relation to this same subject, the Standards Committee in November 2004 noted its interest in considering the implications of the MoC for its work on standards, in coordination with the secretariat. Issues relevant to invasive alien species were particularly noted in the discussions.
9. In this light, the ICPM is invited to consider the following decision for adoption. This decision focuses on the issue of invasive alien species that are plant pests and the IPPC. It builds upon key recommendations of participants in the Invasive Alien Species and the IPPC workshop in Braunschweig, and related information reflected in the Proceedings of this workshop.

II. Decision on threats to biodiversity posed by alien species: actions within the framework of the IPPC

10. The ICPM,
1. *Noting* that invasive alien species that are plant pests have significant adverse effects on wild as well as cultivated plants world-wide;
 2. *Noting* the important current and potential role of the IPPC to address the problem of invasive alien species that harm plants, in light of the mandate of the IPPC to protect wild as well as cultivated plants, and the well-developed structures to guard against plant pests established under the framework of the IPPC over a period of several decades;
 3. *Noting* that action in this regard may be an important contribution to the conservation of biodiversity, through the protection of wild flora and their habitats and ecosystems, and of agricultural biodiversity;
 4. *Welcoming* the publication of the Proceedings of the Workshop on Invasive Alien Species held in Braunschweig, Germany in September 2003;
 5. *Desiring* to enhance cooperation between the IPPC and the CBD on matters relating to, inter alia, invasive alien species, and to further strengthen activities in this area within the framework of the IPPC, in a manner that complements work under the CBD and other instruments;

6. *Desiring* to build upon the recommendations made at the workshop in Braunschweig, as reflected in the proceedings of the workshop, and to strengthen international momentum to address this important issue;

7. *Recommends* that contracting parties and NPPOs, as appropriate:

- a) Enhance plant protection laws and policies, where needed, to address biodiversity concerns explicitly, and in particular address the protection of wild flora and biodiversity from plant pests, including plants, that are invasive alien species
- b) Aim to implement the IPPC into broader national strategies to address threats to biodiversity posed by invasive alien species, so that maximum advantage can be taken of already existing structures and capacities under the IPPC
- c) Reinforce efforts to apply and utilize relevant ISPMs and related phytosanitary measures to address threats to biodiversity posed by invasive alien species that are pests of plants
- d) Give particular attention, when carrying out pest risk analysis, to the possibility that introduced plants could act as invasive alien species, taking into consideration available information on the types of plants for which this has already occurred.
- e) Enhance linkages between environmental, plant protection and agricultural authorities and related ministries, in order to articulate and achieve common goals in work involving the protection of plants and biodiversity from, invasive alien species.
- f) Improve communication between national CBD focal points and IPPC contact points
- g) Establish or adapt existing pest alert systems to cover invasive alien species affecting wild flora, cultivated plants and biodiversity, and ensure that relevant agencies and officials have access to lists of plants, plant products and other regulated articles that may act as or harbour invasive alien species.
- h) Report to the IPPC Secretariat on actions and progress on the above recommendations.

8. *Supports*, within the framework of the IPPC, actions to:

- a) Further clarify opportunities to address issues of invasive alien species within the context of the IPPC, and the benefits of doing so
- b) Incorporate concerns relating to biodiversity and invasive alien species in the development of new or revised ISPMs and related phytosanitary measures
- c) Include potential pathways of invasive alien species as a criterion for the selection of topics and priorities for future standards.
- d) Enhance technical assistance for developing countries to address invasive alien species, in the context of technical assistance initiatives under the IPPC.
- e) Provide, to the IPPC Secretariat, reports and information on the numbers of alien invasions and the associated cost of actions taken that contribute to reducing the threat to biodiversity. This information could be forwarded to the Secretariat of the CBD to assist them in monitoring progress in this area, in particular to their 2010 targets outlined in the COP-7 Decision VII/30.

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to support the implementation of this Decision as a priority for work under the IPPC, within available resources;

10. *Welcomes* the collaboration between the IPPC and the CBD in developing mechanisms to address the threats posed by invasive alien species, and requests the Secretariat to develop a joint work programme with the Secretariat of the CBD in support of these efforts;

11. *Invites* the CBD, in addressing the threats posed by invasive alien species, to continue to take into account work under the IPPC for the protection of plants and its contribution to the conservation of biodiversity.